

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore) continues to work to bring an end to the war in Iraq. He recently supported efforts to ensure that Congress not provide any more war funding, except for withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. He also voted in favor of legislation that would increase the time troops are at home between deployments and ban permanent U.S. bases in Iraq.

“I have been against the Iraq war from the beginning, and I am doing everything I can do bring this nightmare to an end,” said Congressman Blumenauer. “Despite the President vetoing the deadline Congress set for withdrawing American troops from Iraq, I continue to support efforts that would end this war. I have joined an effort to no longer provide any more war funding except for a withdrawal of our troops from Iraq. I also supported legislation that increases the time troops are at home between deployments and bans permanent U.S. bases in Iraq. My focus remains on ending the war immediately and forcing the President to face the reality of this grave situation.”

Congressman Blumenauer has opposed the Iraq war from the start. In January he introduced his own legislation, “The New Direction for Iraq Act of 2007,” which would require the redeployment of U.S. troops from Iraq, a new diplomatic offensive to stabilize Iraq and aggressive efforts at oversight and accountability.